



# Michigan Association of Registers of Deeds

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Representative Jack Hoogendyk  
State Capitol  
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Dear Representative Hoogendyk:

It has come to the attention of the Michigan Association of Register of Deeds that HB5633 will be coming up in committee on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

The Michigan Association of Register of Deeds is in support of HB5633. At our Spring Conference in Clare last month, the issue of foreign language recordings came up. A few counties have been asked to record documents that were drafted in a foreign language. We currently require these documents to be transcribed in English to ensure they meet recording requirements (MCL 565.201) and to verify the information for indexing and retrieval purposes. However, the only statute regarding this topic actually refers to documents *prepared* in a foreign country (MCL 565.11) and even this statute does not specify they are required to be in English. We feel that the designation of English as the official language of Michigan would help to clarify the current statutes and ensure that documents are recorded in a language most recognizable to residents of this State.

If you have any question please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

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